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H.B. No. 2925

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to alternative dispute resolution of certain insurance  
3 payment disputes with chiropractors.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1952, Insurance Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 1952.1561 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1952.1561. PAYMENT DISPUTES RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC  
8 CARE. (a) An insurer may not bring an action related to a payment  
9 required under Section 1952.156 made for chiropractic care unless  
10 not later than one year after the date of service the chiropractor  
11 and the insurer have submitted the dispute to an alternative  
12 dispute resolution process and failed to resolve the dispute.

13 (b) The statute of limitations applicable to a cause of  
14 action arising out of the dispute is tolled beginning on the date  
15 the dispute arises and ending on the date the alternative dispute  
16 resolution process is completed.

17 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an insurance policy that  
18 is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1,  
19 2014. A policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before  
20 January 1, 2014, is governed by the law as it existed immediately  
21 before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in  
22 effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.